(f) Yes, vide statement in (d).

(g) There were complaints from a few of the members regarding the admission of 46 members and issue of loans to some of them on 20th Meenam 1103.

(h) Yes.

(i) Vide statement in (d).

226. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be further pleased to state.—

(1) when did the strong recommendation of the Central Bank reach the Registrar of Co-operative Societies (vide Question 225);

(2) what were the grounds of the recommendation;

(3) was any enquiry made about these before suspension of the Society was ordered; who made the enquiry and with what result?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) 23rd Kumbham 1108.

(2) A copy of the Central Bank's report which sets forth the ground is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

(3) No.

Resolutions passed by Ryots Relief Committee, Narakkal.

227. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) (1) whether they have received a copy of the resolutions passed by the Ryots' Relief Committee, Narakkal, on the 25th Chingam 1109;

(2) if so, will a copy of the same be placed on the table;

(3) whether any action was taken on the same?

(4) if so, what;

(b) how many memorandums or petitions were received by Government in 1108 and 1109 from the ryots for relief measures?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (1) Yes.

(2) A copy of the Resolutions is appended (*Appendix IV*).

(3) Yes.

(4) *Resolution 1.* The Government of India has been addressed.

Resolution 2. Government do not think that the appointment of a Trade Agent is necessary.

Resolution 3. The matter is already under consideration

Resolution 4. Orders sanctioning the request have already been issued.

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Resolution 5. Regarding remission of land revenue, what is possible has been done—The question of remission of school fees will be considered.

Resolution 6. The matter is under correspondence with the Excise Commissioner.

Resolution 7. The matter is under correspondence with the Superintendent of Economic Survey.

Resolution 8. No special relief is called for.

(b) 24 in the year 1108 and 31 in the year 1109.

Fall in prices of Agricultural products.

228. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they are not aware of the fact that the present economic depression has been mainly caused by the heavy fall in the prices of agricultural products;

(b) what attempts, if any, have the Government made so far to raise the price of the agricultural products of the State;

(c) have they made any enquiries or investigations to see whether the prices of cocoanut products cannot be raised by finding out markets for the same in other parts of India, especially in North India;

(d) have the Government taken any steps so far, to advertise the cocoanut products of the State in the Indian markets?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The depression being almost world-wide, Government have to wait for a general improvement in World Trade conditions.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(c) May I know what was the result of the enquiry made in other parts of India with regard to the raising of prices?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The results of the enquiry are in the shape of suggestions and in the form of letters. I shall read some of them. One is a reply to the enquiry made from the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, India:—

"With reference to your letter on the above subject (*i. e.*, regarding coir manufactures) I have the honour to say that the decline in the exports of coir manufactures other than rope is due partly to higher prices and partly on account of larger utilization of cheaper substitutes. In the United Kingdom, however, enquiries for coir mats were encouraging. These were due partly to the imposition of the 10% import duty on foreign mats and mattings early in 1032 which tended to check the imports of mats and rugs from the Continent and to divert attention to India".

"I regret I am unable to offer any suggestion regarding the quality, workmanship and design of these articles with a view to suit present market

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APPENDIX IV.

Proceedings of the Public Meeting of the people of Narakkal and Navarambalam Villages held in the St. Mary's School Hall at 4-30 p. m. on Sunday the 25th Chingam 1109.

Rev. Fr. John Mampilli, B. A. presided over the meeting.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed.

I. This meeting requests the Cochin Government to take steps not only to prevent any reduction in the existing import duty levied on Ceylon copra and oil but also to enhance it so as to prevent these commodities from being brought into the State; in the interests of the local agriculturists.

Proposed by Mr. N. Rama Menon
Secretary, the Sri Bhagavathi Vilasam Nair Bank, Ltd.
Seconded by Mr. Puthenangadi Ouseph Avera.

II. This meeting requests the Cochin Government to help the agriculturists to get a higher price for cocoanuts and other products by appointing Trade Agents in suitable places to popularise these products and work up markets.

Proposed by Mr. M. P. Anthony.
Retired Deputy Superintendent of Sea Customs.
Seconded by Mr. M. P. Joseph, Proprietor, St. Joseph's Industrials; Director, St. Joseph's Union Bank Ltd.

III. This meeting requests the Cochin Government to organise a Land Mortgage Bank so as to save the agriculturists of the State from their present debt ridden condition.

Proposed by Mr. C. Krishnankunji.
Seconded by Dr. Paul J. Mampilli, M. B. and B. S.,
President, Narakkal Panchayat.

IV. This meeting again requests the Government to give local children training in improved methods of using cocoanut fibre and coir in the local R. I. School.

Proposed by Mr. M. A. Ouseph, Teacher.
Seconded by Mr. K. S. Kochappan.

V. This meeting requests the Government to be pleased to grant a remission of 50 per cent in land revenue and 25 per cent in school fees as an emergency measure until cocoanuts and paddy obtain an appreciably higher price and this meeting further requests the Government that if the present financial condition does not permit this, they may be pleased to effect 10 per cent cut in salaries and reduce expenditure in all other departments in other ways to cover the deficit that might be caused by granting this concession.

Proposed by Mr. M. P. Joseph, Panchayat Member
Seconded by Mr. M. P. Varkey, B. Sc. (Lond.,) D. I. C.

VI. This meeting requests the Government to stop the manufacture and sale of the present foreign arrack and introduce cocoanut arrack manufactured and sold by the Government or licensees so as to profit cocoanut cultivators and tappers without causing any loss to the Government.

Proposed by Mr. Paul J. Mampilli, B. A, and B. L.
Seconded by Mr. Kunjunni Panikkar.

VII. This meeting expresses its regret that Jaggery tapping and manufacture that was once a flourishing home industry in these parts has become almost destroyed by the present policy of the Government and requests the Government for all facilities for its revival and development.

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Proposed by Mr. J. Puthenangadi.
Seconded by Mr. V. K. Kochappan.

VIII. As a good part of the agricultural lands of Narakkal and Nayarambalam has been purchased by the people from the Government paying prices even up to Rs. 1,500 per acre, and as a lot of money has been invested in their improvement, the fall in the price of cocoanut has hit the people of these Villages much harder than elsewhere, and this meeting therefore requests the Government to grant some special relief to the people of these Villages.

Proposed by Mr. Paul J. Mampilli, B. A., B. L.
Seconded by Mr. N. Raman Menon.

IX. This meeting appoints a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen to bring these matters to the notice of the Government by all legitimate means and to take such other steps as may be required for the realisation of the objects set out in the above resolutions:—

1	M. R. Ry.,	Paul Mampilli	Avl.
2	,,	Dr. Paul J. Mampilli	,,
3	,,	N. Rama Menon	,,
4	,,	C. Krishnan Kunji	,,
5	,,	K. V. Kochappan	,,
6	,,	M. P. Joseph	,,
7	,,	P. J. Abraham	,,
8	,,	M. C. Ouseph	,,
9	,,	K. Kittunni Menon	,,
10	,,	P. T. Joseph	,,
11	,,	V. K. Kochappan	,,
12	,,	J. Puthenangady	,,
13	,,	George Parakkal B. A., B. L.	,,
14	,,	Paul Mampilli B. A., B. L.	,,
15	,,	N. A. Varkey B. A., B. L.	,,

Proposed by M. P. Varkey B. Sc. (Lond.) D. I. C.
Seconded by Mr. P. T. Kochappu.

X. This meeting authorises the Committee to draw the attention of agriculturists in all parts of the State to the real situation and rouse them to use all legal and constitutional methods to obtain adequate relief from the Government.

Proposed by Mr. V. V. John, Headmaster,
St. Mary's High School, Narakkal.
Seconded by Mr. P. J. Joseph.

XI. This meeting authorises the Committee to collect subscription to meet the expenses to carry out the above objects and requests the President to send an appeal to the Banks and other public institutions of the locality.

Proposed by Mr. K. V. Anthony.
Seconded by Mr. M. A. Ouseph.

XII. This meeting appoints Mr. Paul Mampilli as the President; Mr. K. Kittunny Menon as Vice President; Mr. P. Joseph as Secretary and Mr. N. Rama Menon as the Treasurer of the Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Kuttunni Panikker.
Seconded by Dr. Paul J. Mampilli.

XIII. This meeting authorises the President to submit copies of these resolutions to the Diwan, Members of the Legislative Council and the Press.

Proposed by Mr. Kuttunni Panikker.
Seconded by Mr. K. V. Anthony.

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